

## FREEMAN WILL ARGUE HIS CASE.

Deserted by His Attorney  
He Secures a Writ of  
Habeas Corpus.

as Numerous Affidavits from  
Reputable Persons to  
Prove an Alibi.

Proof That He Was in Minneapolis  
When He Was Alleged to Have  
Committed a Crime Here.

WILL HAVE A HEARING MONDAY.

Grand Jury Has Ignored His Request to  
Be Given a Chance to Prove  
a Conspiracy—Will  
Likely Go Free.

Walter K. Freeman, under sentence of ten years in State's prison for a heinous crime, deserted by his counsel, Abraham Levy, yesterday obtained a writ of habeas corpus on his own motion from Judge Lawrence, of the Supreme Court, and will appear before him at 10 o'clock next Monday morning to present his own case. The papers were served yesterday afternoon on Chief Clerk Tupper, of the District Attorney's office, Chief Clerk Walsh, of the Court of General Sessions, and Warden John E. Van De Carr, of the Tombs.

Assistant District Attorney George Gordon Battle said that he did not believe Freeman could be again convicted if the witnesses he will be able to call to prove his alibi are shown to be reputable people. Assistant District Attorney Barlow S. Weeks, who convicted Freeman, told a lawyer a day or two ago that he would refuse to try the case again, in view of the new evidence, and inveighed bitterly against the Gerry Society, that had brought him into a criminal litigation, supported by three such witnesses as Sarah E. Work, John B. Perry and Alice Ward.

A comparison of the characters of the witnesses who brought about Freeman's conviction with those who are willing to swear his alibi is all in favor of the latter. Sarah E. Work, the complaining witness, is admitted to have been a girl of loose morals from her earliest youth. Alice Ward, who corroborated Sarah Work's evidence, can be proved to have left the house, No. 227 East Fourteenth street, where the crime was alleged to have been committed, a month before the date alleged of its occurrence. John B. Perry, who swore that Freeman was in New York in January, 1894, the date of the crime specified in the indictment, has been proven to be a thief.

These facts are borne out by the following affidavits, on file in the office of the clerk of general sessions, which Freeman has secured a new trial:

City and County of New York, ss: Kate E. Wagner, being duly sworn, says: I reside at No. 208 East Fourth street in the city of New York, and am well acquainted with Walter K. Freeman, who was known to me as Sally, and I saw him on the day of the arrest of Freeman, I came in frequent contact with Sally, meeting her nearly every day, and I therefore know that she was not in New York on the day of the crime, and that any attempt to encourage her to lead a life of shame was a mistake.

Sarah was present at the time of this conversation, and my brother absolutely denied the truth of these charges, and I am positive that some time after, when she apologized to my brother, saying she had no idea of the seriousness of the charges.

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Sworn to before me April 24, 1896.

WILLIAM J. JAHLE, Notary Public.

State of New York, ss: I, Mabel I. Hester, being duly sworn, make these statements, to wit: I was born in New York, at No. 492 Pacific street, Brooklyn, New York.

I know Sarah E. Work, who was first known to me under the surname of Knight, and at the sister of Anna Ward, who was the daughter of the spiritualistic medium, Mrs. A. Mott Knight.

I have known Sarah since September 1, 1893. She is a girl of bad instincts, possessed of a violent temper, a nervous disposition, and void of what constitutes the meaning of the word truth.

During my acquaintance with her, I learned to know her as a natural, romantic liar, untruthful, and she has lied to me on every occasion, and on occasions when tests were actually made of her veracity, I never had any occasion to harbor a feeling of enmity against Sarah E. Work, but from my knowledge and experience, and the bearing of her conduct, I would not believe her under oath.

MABEL I. HESTER.

Sworn to before me.

October 18, 1896.

SAMUEL C. SMITH, C. S. D.

Notary Public, N. Y. City.

Freeman's alibi is proved by reputable witnesses in New York and Minnesota. According to the testimony of Sarah E. Work, John B. Perry and "Poppy," the crime was committed at No. 227 East Fourteenth street, between the dates of January 8 and 12, 1894. Freeman swears that he left New York on January 8, 1894, and did not return until January 20, of the same year. The affidavits of the three witnesses are granted compromise those of Mrs. Helen Shepard, Frank M. Ashley and Frank Pope, of this city, which have already been published in the Journal, and of the two Misses Martins, of Minneapolis, at whose house he visited while he was away from New York. Mrs. Shepard makes affidavit that she was visiting Anna Ward, at No. 227 East Fourteenth street, between January 8 and 13, 1894, and that Mr. Freeman did not occupy his room there during that time, and that she was told he was absent in Minneapolis. Ashley and Pope both make affidavit to receiving letters from Freeman from the West, between the dates of January 8 and 13, 1894.

The Martin family are of the highest respectability. Two of the daughters are teachers in the public schools, one is a stenographer in Chicago and the other housekeeper for the father. The four sisters bear the highest reputations, and their affidavits are very specific and state most positively that Freeman was at their Minneapolis home during the time at which the crime is alleged to have been committed.

The Grand Jury, to every member of which Freeman addressed a letter last week asking to be called before that body to give evidence to prove a conspiracy against him, has not yet taken any action in the matter.

## BANKER'S WIFE LOVED A SOLDIER.

Got a Divorce and Followed  
Him from the Presidio  
to Fort Hamilton.

Lived at a Brooklyn Hotel Until  
His Duties Called  
Him Away.

Then She Spent a Day in a Cab and  
a Night in a Station  
House Cell.

ONCE A SAN FRANCISCO BELLE.

Says She Is Wealthy, but Would Give All  
She Possesses to Prevent Cal-  
ifornia Financier's Hearing of  
Her Escapes.

Mrs. Nannie Murdoch, formerly the wife of a San Francisco banker, who was also Fish Commissioner of the State of California, followed a telegram in the Fifth Artillery of the United States Army from San Francisco to Fort Hamilton. Yesterday morning she was arranged before Justice Tighe, of the Butler Street Police Court, Brooklyn, charged with intoxication. She was discharged her, after exacting a promise of reform and advised her to return to her family in California.

On January 4, 1881, pretty Nannie Wilson, then one of the reigning belles of San Francisco, married William C. Murdoch, Jr., a rising young man of that city. The couple had money plenty, and a son was born two years after the marriage. Mr. Murdoch made a practice of inviting his friends to the house for dinners, and at these affairs Mrs. Murdoch acquired a taste for intoxicating liquors.

She visited the Presidio, the army fort, at San Francisco, and after dismissing her carriage, went into a nearby restaurant and drank heavily. She staggered to the parade ground and was found in a semi-conscious condition by Robert E. Woodward, a handsome young teamster, who was then serving Uncle Sam. He revived her by liberal doses of bromides, succeeded in learning her address and took her home. Afterward he was a visitor at the Murdoch mansion.

Mr. Murdoch learned of this and upbraided his wife for speaking to a common soldier, and she told him that she owed him a debt of gratitude. This did not satisfy the husband, and he put detectives to watch his wife. She said to her doctor and the custody of the child. In her story, told yesterday morning, she claimed that she was granted the divorce and was given \$125 a month alimony.

Teamster Woodward was a daily visitor until one morning he announced that his regiment had received orders to proceed to Fort Hamilton. J. Alvan Watts, of the Mills Building in San Francisco, Mrs. Murdoch's attorney, advanced her sufficient money to buy a ticket, and Mrs. Murdoch followed Woodward.

The teamster of the Fifth Artillery selected apartments in Melrose Hotel, corner Fifth and Third streets, and there he deposited on her arrival in New York. Mrs. Murdoch registered as "Mrs. and Mrs. Woodward, of San Francisco."

Wednesday morning she packed her effects and called a cab to take her to a New York Hotel. She had a flask of whiskey and had consumed a quantity of it. She returned to Melrose Hotel, about 4 o'clock in the evening, intoxicated. Mr. Murdoch refused to allow his former boarder to enter the house. She ordered the callman to drive her to a police station, and he took her to the Eighteenth Precinct Station House. There she was placed in charge of the matron, and insisted upon wiring her lawyer, Mr. Watts, of her predicament. The matron refused to do so, but did not send it. Mrs. Murdoch was allowed to send Woodward a dispatch, but he paid no attention to it.

When arraigned in court yesterday morning, she wore a handsome tailor-made gown, and diamonds sparkling from her fingers and ears. Her large hat was covered with plumes. While waiting for her case to come up a deputy in the court room, seeing that she was not an ordinary drunk, gave her permission to sit on a bench outside of the railing, but she declined, saying that she would take the same rank as the other offenders of her class. Just before her arraignment she fainted, and was given a glass of brandy by a court attendant.

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No. 131 Thirty-ninth street, Brooklyn, where she engaged apartments. When seen last night she expressed deep regret at the occurrence, and said:

"I have considerable property in San Francisco and would give all of it to keep this escapade from reaching my friends there. Mr. Woodward is my only friend in New York. I met him over a year ago in California, and he was very kind to me. During the time I was at Melrose Hotel I was ill, and he was only acting as nurse."

At Fort Hamilton Woodward denied all knowledge of Mrs. Murdoch. He said that she was introduced to him about three days ago, and that he had seen her two days ago. He was busy engaged in oiling and tramping harness, and did not stop his work to discuss the case. He is a rather tall, well-built man of about thirty-eight years. He has a long blond mustache and light blue eyes.

Her Former Husband's Story.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 19.—Mrs. Nannie Murdoch, arrested in New York to-day, is the divorced wife of W. C. Murdoch, manager of the Pacific Coast Savings Bank of this city and a member of the State Fish Commission. She is well connected here and her failings have been a source of worry to her relatives and friends, who are much distressed by her actions. Mr. Murdoch, former husband of the woman, said reluctantly today, when told the circumstances of her arrest:

"I regret the publicity of this matter very much, in view of the fact that her husband will feel the disgrace. She has for a long time not been responsible for her actions, as she unfortunately contracted the morphia habit some years ago. The drug took such a hold on her that I had no hope of curing her of the habit. Reluctantly I secured a divorce in January,

last year, and she has since been living

in New York."

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